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Appl. No. 10/072,438

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SEQUENCES AND THE PROTEINS
THEY ENCODE BY TRANSFECTING
THE SAME INTO A HOST

Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: J. Zara

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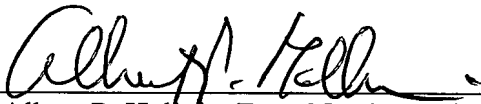
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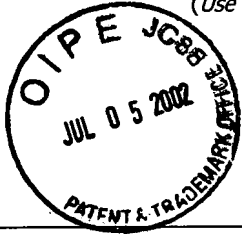
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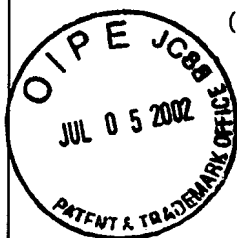
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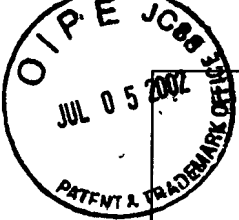
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